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YOUR HOLIDAY

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Now go...

We track down beautiful film locations as holiday destinations



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THE STORY Two friends (Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon) take a road trip that is as dramatic as the scenery.

WHERE IT'S REALLY SET

The girls flee towards Mexico before plunging into the Grand Canyon, right? Wrong. It's really the stunning red rocks of the national parks, Arches and Canyonlands, in Utah.

KEY SCENES The girls lock a cop in his car boot at Courthouse Towers in Arches Park. The final dramatic decision to 'keep going' is made at the Shafer Trail south of Dead Horse Point, which hangs 2,000ft over the Colorado river.

GETTING THERE AND WHERE TO STAY Utah's fab for family adventure. Combine with Vegas on a seven-night fly-drive from £554pp with Virgin Holidays (0844 5573 860; virginholidays.co.uk). Moab is a cool hangout – don't miss Slickrock Cafe's gourmet burgers. Aarchway Inn has family suites from £95 (aarchwayinn.com). Call 08456 020 574 for a free guide or go to utah.travel.



Susan Sarandon and Geena Davis on the road

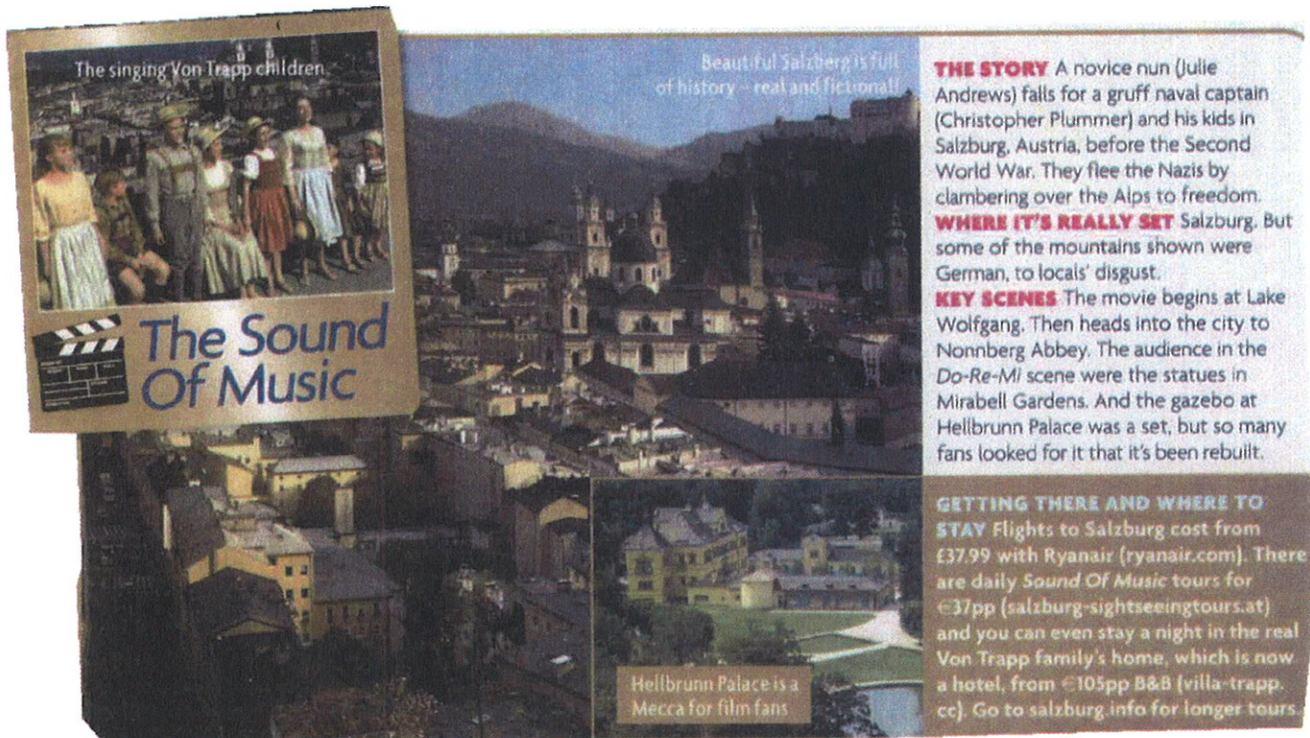


Thelma And Louise

Mountain biking and river rafting make Utah adventure heaven

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The singing Von Trapp children

Beautiful Salzburg is full of history – real and fictional!

The Sound Of Music

THE STORY A novice nun (Julie Andrews) falls for a gruff naval captain (Christopher Plummer) and his kids in Salzburg, Austria, before the Second World War. They flee the Nazis by clambering over the Alps to freedom.

WHERE IT'S REALLY SET Salzburg. But some of the mountains shown were German, to locals' disgust.

KEY SCENES The movie begins at Lake Wolfgang. Then heads into the city to Nonnberg Abbey. The audience in the *Do-Re-Mi* scene were the statues in Mirabell Gardens. And the gazebo at Hellbrunn Palace was a set, but so many fans looked for it that it's been rebuilt.

GETTING THERE AND WHERE TO STAY Flights to Salzburg cost from £37.99 with Ryanair (ryanair.com). There are daily *Sound Of Music* tours for €37pp (salzburg-sightseeingtours.at) and you can even stay a night in the real Von Trapp family's home, which is now a hotel, from €105pp B&B (villa-trapp.cc). Go to salzburg.info for longer tours.

Hellbrunn Palace is a Mecca for film fans

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Meryl Streep meets her Waterloo

Mamma Mia!

THE STORY A feisty hotel owner (Meryl Streep) who lives on the fictional Greek island of Kalokairi re-encounters the three possible fathers (including Pierce Brosnan and Colin Firth) of her daughter. Cue ABBA singalongs aplenty on gorgeous beaches and clifftops.

WHERE IT'S REALLY SET Greece's unspoilt Sporades Islands – mostly Skopelos.

KEY SCENES The place you'll long to find is the amazing wedding chapel on a jutting peninsula over the Aegean. This was Agios Ioannis near sleepy Glossa village. Views from the hotel Villa Donna are of pebbled Glysteri Beach in the north, a lovely bay dotted with tavernas. And Kastani Beach has a starring role: its turquoise water glistens temptingly during big numbers – rumour has it the sand was temporarily removed to improve the dancing!

GETTING THERE AND WHERE TO STAY Seven nights at the Villa Plaka, a traditional whitewashed house for two with pool in Glossa, costs from £704pp self-catering including flights and transfers with Thomson (0871 230 5111; thomson.co.uk).

Stay in picture-postcard Glossa – the heart of the Mamma Mia! set

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